

Amendments to the Drawings:

Submitted herewith are replacement pages for sheets 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5 of the drawings. In each of Figs. 4 through 8, the dimensions for resilience have been inserted as "%" as indicated throughout the specification, for example at page 2, second and third paragraphs from the bottom, and at page 14, second and third paragraphs under "Second Embodiment."

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending and allowed in the application.

The above amendments are requested in order to make the units of compressibility and resilience consistent and accurate throughout the specification, claims and drawings. In addition, several typographical and grammatical errors have been corrected. It is submitted that these amendments require only a cursory review by the Examiner, and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

During a review of the application after allowance, it was noticed that the units of "resilience" were not given in Figs. 4-8. Accordingly, replacement sheets of the drawings for Figs. 4-8 are submitted herewith to indicate that resilience has the units of percentage, namely "%." These amendments are supported, for example, in the description of Figs. 4-8 in the middle two full paragraphs at page 14 of the specification, and are used consistently throughout the specification. Also enclosed are copies of two websites and an English translation of one of the websites which is in Japanese, showing that the usual units for resilience are percentage.

In addition, during review of the application after allowance, it was noticed that compressibility was inadvertently labeled at some instances in the specification and claims as having units in percentage (%). In fact, compressibility is a dimensionless quantity, as indicated for example in the original drawings and in the second to last paragraph at page 14 of the specification, as well as other instances in the specification. Thus, compressibility is actually a ratio, but the ratio has been multiplied by 100 in order to make a more convenient expression of the value A, since the value of $(D2-D1)/D1$ is usually smaller than 1. Accordingly, wherever the compressibility was referred to in the present specification as a percentage, the percentage indication has been deleted to make the units consistent with the remainder of the specification and drawings.

It is further noted that compressibility was expressed in the Japanese priority application without the percentage, namely as a dimensionless quantity. Attached for the Examiner's information are copies of the corresponding pages of the Japanese priority application and translations thereof, which correspond to those portions of the

specification and claims which are being amended by the present amendment. As can be seen, the value A was always stated without the percentage sign or an indication of percentage.

Accordingly, no new matter is being added by these amendments, and the amendments are merely to conform the specification, claims and drawings, so that they are consistent throughout, and to correct typographical and grammatical errors.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures - 3 Replacement Sheets of drawings 3/5, 4/5, 5/5

The following are not enclosed again – same as submission of December 21, 2004:

Website of Wallace Data Computer - R3

Website of Geltec

Pages of Japanese priority application no. 2003-027 864 with English translation of claims 1 and paragraphs [0007], [0041], [0045], [0055], [0061], [0064] and Abstract